

What is claimed is:

1. A pet chew, comprising:

a first member;

5 a second member;

means for mounting the first member and the second member in a rotatable orientation,
wherein the first member and the second member are rotatable relative to one another around an
axis of rotation;

a plurality of scrubbing elements mounted on a first surface of the first member; and

10 a plurality of scrubbing elements mounted on a first surface of the second member;

wherein the first surface of the first member and the first surface of the second member are
generally perpendicular to the axis of rotation.

2. The pet chew of claim 1, wherein the first surface of the first member and the first surface
15 of the second member are generally parallel to one another.

3. The pet chew of claim 2, wherein the means for mounting includes a shaft.

4. The pet chew of claim 3, wherein the first member and the second member are mounted
20 on the shaft.

5. The pet chew of claim 4, further comprising spacing means for spacing the first member
relative to the second member.

25 6. The pet chew of claim 5, wherein the spacing means comprises a hub disposed between
the first surface of the first member and the first surface of the second member.

7. The pet chew of claim 5, wherein the spacing means comprises a hub formed of a raised
portion of at least one of the first surface of the first member and the first surface of the second
30 member.

8. The pet chew of claim 3, further comprising retaining means for retaining the first
member and the second member on the shaft.

35 9. The pet chew of claim 1, wherein the first member is a first circular disk and the second
member is a second circular disk.

10. The pet chew of claim 9, further comprising at least one additional scrubbing element mounted on at least one of: (a) an outer circumferential surface of the first disk; and (b) an outer circumferential surface of the second disk.

5 11. The pet chew of claim 1, wherein each of the scrubbing elements is adapted to scrub at least one of: (a) a tooth; and (b) a gum.

12. The pet chew of claim 1, wherein said first surface of said first member and said first surface of said second member face each other.

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13. The pet chew of claim 1, wherein the scrubbing elements are mounted on said surfaces of said members in rows.

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14. The pet chew of claim 13, wherein the scrubbing elements are mounted in offset rows.

15. The pet chew of claim 9, wherein said scrubbing elements are mounted in circular rows along said surfaces.

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16. A pet chew, comprising:
a plurality of circular disks, wherein each of the disks includes an obverse surface, a reverse surface, and an outer circumferential surface;
means for mounting the disks in a rotatable orientation, wherein the disks are rotatable relative to one another around an axis of rotation; and
25 a plurality of scrubbing elements mounted on at least one of the obverse surface and the reverse surface of each disk.

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17. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein the obverse surface and the reverse surface of each disk are generally perpendicular to the axis of rotation.

18. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein the obverse surface and the reverse surface of each disk are generally parallel to one another.

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19. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein the means for mounting includes a shaft.

20. The pet chew of claim 19, wherein each disk is mounted on the shaft.

21. The pet chew of claim 16, further comprising spacing means for spacing the disks relative to one another.

22. The pet chew of claim 21, wherein the spacing means comprises a hub disposed between one of the obverse surface and the reverse surface of one disk and one of the obverse surface and the reverse surface of another disk.

23. The pet chew of claim 21, wherein the spacing means comprises a hub formed of a raised portion of at least one of the obverse surface and the reverse surface of one disk.

24. The pet chew of claim 19, further comprising retaining means for retaining the disks on the shaft.

25. The pet chew of claim 16, further comprising at least one additional scrubbing element mounted on the outer circumferential surface of at least one of the disks.

26. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein each of the scrubbing elements is adapted to scrub at least one of: (a) a tooth; and (b) a gum.

27. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein the number of disks is in the range of 1 to 16.

28. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein the scrubbing elements mounted on at least one of the obverse surface and the reverse surface of at least one disk are mounted in circular rows.

29. The pet chew of claim 28, wherein the scrubbing elements in at least one row are offset from the scrubbing elements in at least another row.

30. The pet chew of claim 28, wherein the number of rows is in the range of 1 to 16.

31. The pet chew of claim 16, wherein said plurality of circular disks define a ball shaped configuration.

32. A method of providing dental care to a pet having teeth, comprising:
mounting a first member of a pet chew and a second member of the pet chew in a rotatable orientation, wherein the first member and the second member are rotatable relative to one another around an axis of rotation;
mounting a plurality of scrubbing elements on a first surface of the first member; and

mounting a plurality of scrubbing elements on a first surface of the second member;
wherein the first surface of the first member and the first surface of the second member are
generally perpendicular to the axis of rotation; and

5 wherein movement, during chewing of the pet chew by the pet, by at least one tooth of the
pet against at least one of: (a) at least one of the scrubbing elements; (b) the first member; and (c)
the second member causes the first member and the second member to rotate relative to one
another.

33. A method of providing dental care to a pet having teeth, comprising:
10 mounting a plurality of circular disks in a rotatable orientation, wherein the disks are
rotatable relative to one another around an axis of rotation; and
mounting a plurality of scrubbing elements on at least one of an obverse surface and a
reverse surface of each disk;
15 wherein movement, during chewing of the pet chew by the pet, by at least one tooth of the
pet against at least one of: (a) at least one of the scrubbing elements; and (b) at least one of the
disks causes the disks to rotate relative to one another.

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